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1. Q. Were any Soviet or satellite countries represented at the Vienna Congress or were trends or activities in those countries discussed?

A. Yes, the USSR was represented by the following psychiatrists:

Prof E A Popov --Korrespondierendes Mitglied der Akademie der Medizinischen Wissenschaften der UdSSR.

N I Ozeretski -Ordentliches Mitglied der Akademie der Medizinischen Wissenschaften der UdSSR, Direktor der Psychiatrischen Klinik Nr.1 des Leningrader Medizinischen I.P. Pavlow-Instituts.

A N Sneschnowsky Professor Dr. med., Direktor der Psychiatrischen Klinik des Fortbildungsinstitutes für Ärzte in Moskau. Chefredakteur der Zeitschrift "Psychiatrie und Neuropathologie" namens S.S.Korsakow".

These men presented scientific papers at the Congress. This was quite unexpected as these papers did not appear on the official agenda of the Congress. Copies of the three papers presented by these men are attached. Their titles are as follows:

Dauerschlaf als Behandlungsmethode der Schizophrenie - Popow

Zur Kritik der Lobotomie als einer antiphysiologischen Methode - Ozeretski

Über die Erscheinungsformen der Psychosen - Sneschnowsky

I understand that these three Soviets attended the previous conference which was held in Mexico City in December 1951. Some of my colleagues pointed out that in Mexico these men were very sullen and reserved and did not mix socially with the other doctors in attendance. This year, however, these three men were very friendly and mixed readily in all the social events of the Congress. I remember one occasion in particular when we all adjourned to a local wine cellar. By the end of the evening a great deal of alcohol had been consumed and the Soviets joined right in the gaiety to the extent of entering into some rather boisterous horseplay. During the course of the evening, I understand that they made mention of the fact that they had worked very hard to get permission to attend this Congress and therefore they intended to enjoy themselves.

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